(c) and (d) The import of these antibiotics during the last three years is given in the annexure [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 68].

(e) the names of the antibiotics cleared by the Government in recent years are given in the Statement.

Statement

Antibiotics cleared

1. Tobramycin
2. Cafazolin Sodium
3. Bacamocillin
4. Amikacin
5. Cefotaxime Sodium
6. Ceftriaxane Sodium
7. Minocycline
8. Cefurexime
9. Oeftazidime pentahydrate.

Cooperation in Space Programme

1522. SHRI RAJNI PANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seeking assistance of other countries in view of the growing international cooperation in space programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Space Programme has benefited by active collaboration with almost all countries having significant space programmes of their own as well as with international agencies. India also share her experience with other nations, especially with developing countries, through selected programmes of training, consultancy and dissemination of information. The details of the cooperative arrangements are given in the Department of Space, Annual Report 1987-88, copies of which are already available in the Parliament Library.

Overcrowding of Space with Artificial Satellites

1523.SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Space is getting overcrowded with artificial satellite which could be hazardous in future;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter in International fora; and

(c) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of launching of artificial satellites into space by various countries, at the rate of 100 to 130 per year in the recent past. taking the total number of launches to over 3000 in the past 3 decades. However, the current trend of crowding artificial satellites is not hazardous and is not likely to become hazardous in near future. There are some concerns that the 'debris' resulting from the launchings and the used up satellites, when accumulated over a long period in future, may hit other satellites.

(b) Yes, Sir. Possible areas of concern for future activities in space due to 'debris' have been taken up by India in International fora like United Nations Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space of which India is a Member. Also, India as a member of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has been participating in the World Administrative Radio Conferences, which have been involved in the planning and laying down of necessary international regulations for operation of communication satellites in geo-stationary orbits with-

out interference among satellites belonging to different countries.

(c) The United Nations Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, of which India is a Member, is also to consider the subject in its Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee meeting under the agenda "Ways and Means of maintaining Outer Space free of debris and pollution". As a member of this Committee, India will be participating and contributing along with other Member countries, towards evolution of an international understanding on this issue. Other International scientific forums like Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) of International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) and International Astronautical Federation are conducting studies on various aspects related to Space Debris.

Legislation for Management of Ground Water

1524. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to bring forward a central legislation for proper management of ground water; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Government of India has circulated a 'Model Bill to the States for enactment of suitable legislation for the control and regulation of ground water development.

Increase in Security Deposits for Elections to Lok Sabha Vidhan Sabha

1525. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the security deposits of independent candidate from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 10,000/- in Lok Sabha and Rs. 2,500/- in Vidhan Sabha elections, in order to discourage frivolous candidates; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) According to section 34 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, a candidate contesting for a parliamentary constituency should make a deposit of Rs. 500/- (Rs. 250/- if the candidate belongs to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe) and a deposit of Rs. 250/- if he is contesting for an Assembly or Council constituency (Rs. 125/- if the candidate is a member of Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe).

As part of its proposals for electoral reforms, the Election Commission has recommended that the tendency of non-serious candidates to contest in the elections either on their own or having been set up vested interests should be checked. Towards that end, certain deterrent steps including the enhancement of the security deposit to be made by the contesting candidate has been proposed by the Election Commission. However, no decision has yet been taken.

Dharna staged by AIIMS faculty

1526. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether AIIMS Faculty staged a Dharna recently as reported in the Times of India dated 22nd October, 1988 and if so, what are the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken in this regard?